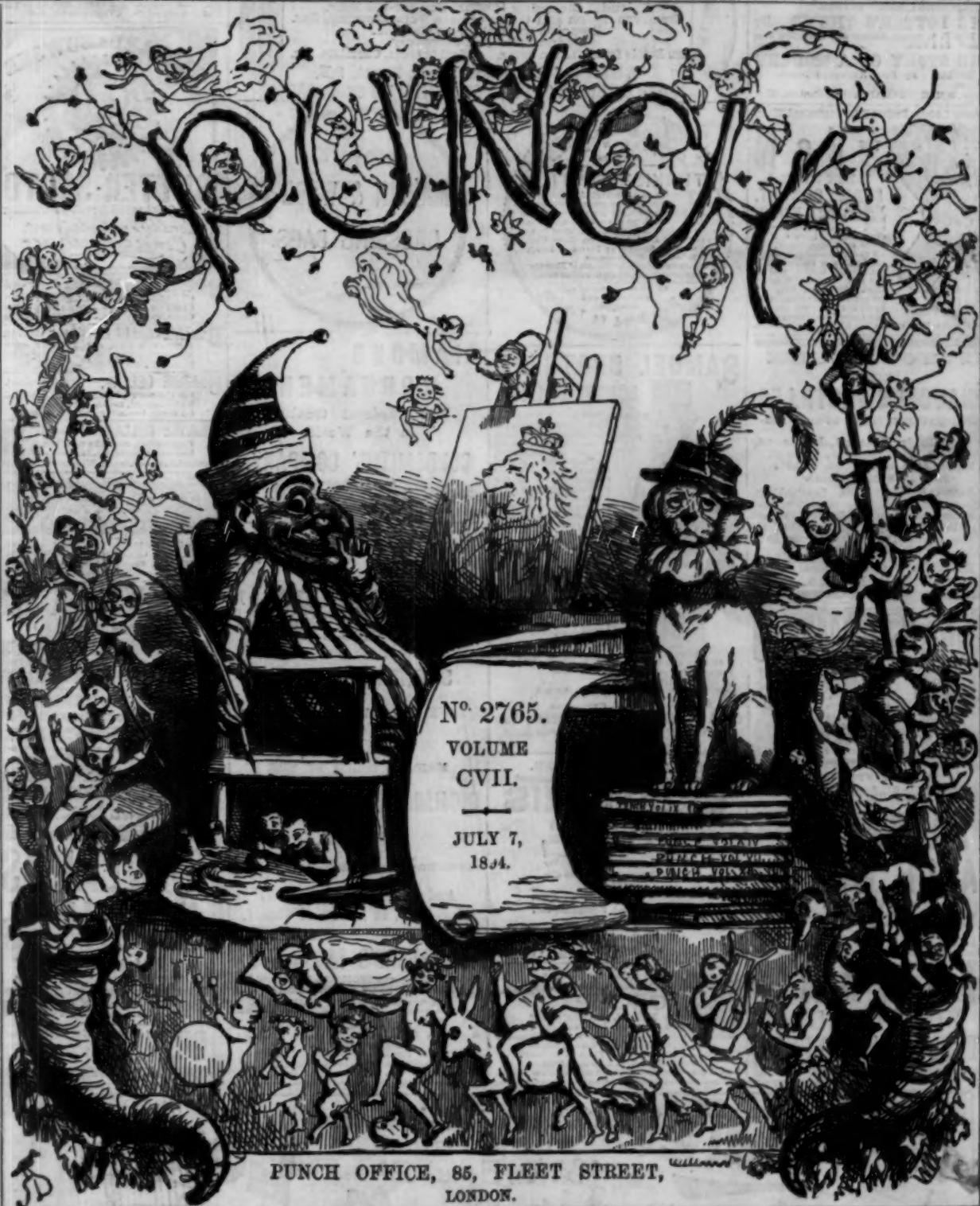


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appetite, and makes the world hope he will hurry up with the remaining dishes in the rare feast. "So says my Baronite, and the Court is with him."

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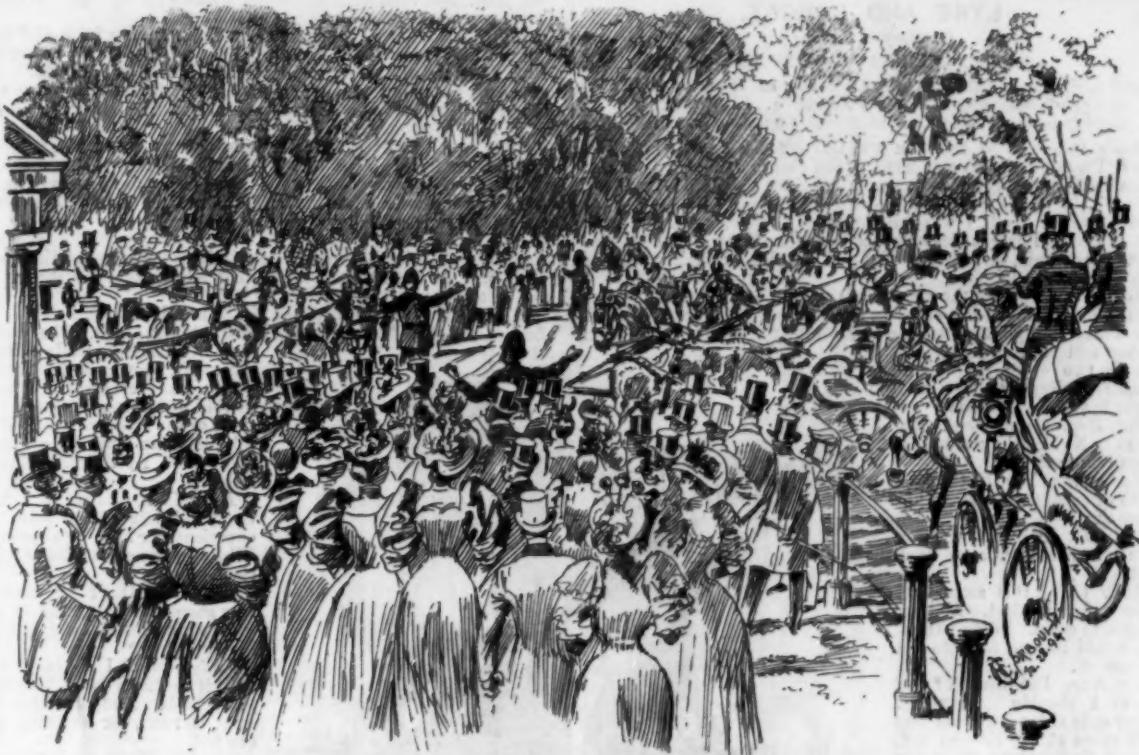
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ONE of the most pleasing incidents at the opening of the Tower Bridge was the introduction by the LORD CHAMBERLAIN of the Recorder of London to H.R.H. the Prince of WALES. "Our Own Special" was not sufficiently near to hear the dialogue that passed between them, but he has reasons for believing that Lord CARRINGTON observed to H.R.H., "Sir, I have the honour to present to your notice Sir CHARLES HALL." Not to be outdone in courtesy, the Recorder immediately added, "And I, Sir, am delighted to make known to your Royal Highness Lord CARRINGTON." Then returned the Prince, with his customary gracious kindness, "I am rejoiced to meet two officials of so much distinction; but, do you know, —I fancy we have met before! Indeed I am certain that the excellent make-up of Sir CHARLES' wig and the easy carriage of the LORD CHAMBERLAIN could only have been acquired by long practice on the boards of the Cambridge A.D.C. I congratulate you my Lord, and you Mr. Recorder upon the excellent use to which you have put the educational advantages that you and I have derived from our common *Alma Mater*." At this point the Tower guns began to be fired, and consequently the remainder of the conversation was lost in the reverberations of heavy artillery.



(Vide Poem, "The Battle of the Budget.")

"OLD KASPAR."



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THE BATTLE OF THE BUDGET.

(Some Way after Southeby's "Battle of Blenheim.")

"Old Kaspar" . . . Sir W. V. H-RC-RT.

I.

It was a summer evening,
Old KASPAR's work was done;
And he before his cottage door
Was resting in the sun,
And by him sported on the green
Bung's little daughter, WITLERINE.

II.

She saw BULL's youngest, JOHNNYKIN,
Roll something large and round
Which he beside the village pump
In playing there had found;
He came to ask what he had found
That was so large, and smooth, and round.

III.

Old KASPAR took it from the boy,
And winked a wary eye;
And then the old man shook his head,
And with a natural sigh,
"This is some Landlord's skull," said he,
"Who fell in our Great Victory !

IV.

"This jug of ale, my WITLERINE,
Seems rather thin and flat!
Eh ! 'Budget-Beer' of the new tap ?
Watered, and weak at that!
Humph ! With it, then, I mustn't quarrel,
It is that sixpence on the barrel !

"There is some comfort in this skull.
Hope there'll be more about!
Death has its Duties, may have more,
As rich folk will find out;
For many wealthy men," said he,
"Were 'hit,' in our Great Victory !"

V.

"Now tell us what 'twas all about,"
Young JOHNNYKIN he cries;
And little WITLERINE looks up
With wonder-waiting eyes;
"Now tell us of that Budget war,
And what they whopped each other for."

VII.

"It was the Rads," old KASPAR cried,
"That put the Nob to rout.
But what we whopped each other for
Some people can't make out.
But 'twas a long, hard fight," quoth he,
"And we'd a well-earned Victory !

VIII.

"Eaton Hall, Chatsworth, Blenheim, then
Raised quite a Bitter Cry;
Dukes said their dwellings they'd shut up,
(Though that was all my eye !)
They'd be hard put to it (they said)
To keep a roof above their head.

IX.

"With protests loud the country round
Was ringing far and wide;
Our 'Predatory Policy'
(As usual) was decried.

But such things will attend," said he,
"A Democratic Victory !

X.

"They said it was a shocking sight
After the fight was won
To see rich Landlords quake with fear—
And to their lawyers run !
But things like that, you know, must be
After a Liberal Victory.

XI.

"Great terror seized on Brother BUNN;
The brewers all turned green."
"That was a very cruel thing !"
Said little WITLERINE.
"Nay, nay, you naughty girl !" quoth he;
"It was a—People's Victory !

XII.

"And everybody praised the Knight
Who such a fight did win !"
"But what good comes of it—to us ?"
Quoth little JOHNNYKIN.
"Ah ! if you live, you'll learn !" said he;
"But 'twas a Glorious Victory !

XIII.

"I don't quite like this Budget-Beer,
It savours of the pump.
But—there's a meaning in that skull
Will make the Landlords jump,—
Both Peers and Bungs; and that," quoth he,
"Makes it a fruitful Victory !"

A GREAT many young ladies have a literary taste just now, and during this warm weather are rushing into print.

LYRE AND LANCET.

(A Story in Scenes.)

PART I.—SHADOWS CAST BEFORE.

SCENE I.—SIR RUPERT CULVERIN'S Study at Wyvern Court. It is a rainy Saturday morning in February. Sir RUPERT is at his writing-table, as Lady CULVERIN enters with a deprecatory air.

Lady Culv. So here you are, RUPERT! Not very busy, are you? I won't keep you a moment. (She goes to a window.) Such a nuisance it's turning out so wet with all these people in the house, isn't it?

Sir Rup. Well, I was thinking that, as there's nothing doing out of doors, I might get a chance to knock off some of these confounded accounts, but—(resignedly)—if you think I ought to go and look after—

Lady Culv. No, no, the men are playing billiards, and the women are in the Morning Room—they're all right. I only wanted to ask you about to-night. You know the LULLINGTONS and the dear Bishop and Mrs. RODNEY, and one or two other people, are coming to dinner? Well, who ought to take in ROHESIA?

Sir Rup. (in dismay). ROHESIA! No idea she was coming down this week!

Lady Culv. Yes, by the 4.45. With dear MAHIE. Surely you knew that?

Sir Rup. In a sort of way; didn't realise it was so near, that's all.

Lady Culv. It's some time since we had her last. And she wanted to come. I didn't think you would like me to write and put her off.

Sir Rup. Put her off? Of course I shouldn't. ALBINIA. If my only sister isn't welcome at Wyvern at any time—I say, at any time—where the deuce is she welcome?

Lady Culv. I don't know, dear RUPERT. But—but about the table?

Sir Rup. So long as you don't put her near me—that's all I care about.

Lady Culv. I mean—ought I to send her in with Lord LULLINGTON, or the Bishop?

Sir Rup. Why not let 'em toss up? Loser gets her, of course.

Lady Culv. RUPERT! As if I could suggest such a thing to the Bishop! I suppose she'd better go in with Lord LULLINGTON—he's Lord Lieutenant—and then it won't matter if she does advocate Disestablishment. Oh, but I forgot; she thinks the House of Lords ought to be abolished too!

Sir Rup. Whoever takes ROHESIA in is likely to have a time of it. Talked poor CANTRE into his tomb a good ten years before he was due there. Always lecturing, and domineering, and laying down the law, as long as I can remember her. Can't stand ROHESIA—never could!

Lady Culv. I don't think you ought to say so, really, RUPERT. And I'm sure I get on very well with her—generally.

Sir Rup. Because you knock under to her.

Lady Culv. I'm sure I don't, RUPERT—at least, no more than everybody else. Dear ROHESIA is so strong-minded and advanced and all that, she takes such an interest in all the new movements and things, that she can't understand contradiction; she is so democratic in her ideas, don't you know.

Sir Rup. Didn't prevent her marrying CANTRE. And a democratic Countess—it's downright unnatural!

Lady Culv. She believes it's her duty to set an example and meet the People half way. That reminds me—did I tell you Mr. CLARIION BLAIR is coming down this evening, too?—only till Monday, RUPERT.

Sir Rup. CLARIION BLAIR! never heard of him.

Lady Culv. I suppose I forgot. CLARIION BLAIR isn't his real name though; it's only a—an alias.

Sir Rup. Don't see what any fellow wants with an alias. What is his real name?

Lady Culv. Well, I know it was something ending in "ell," but I mislaid his letter. Still, CLARIION BLAIR is the name he writes under; he's a poet, RUPERT, and quite celebrated, so I'm told.

Sir Rup. (uneasily). A poet! What on earth possessed you to ask a literary fellow down here? Poetry isn't much in our way; and a poet will be, confoundedly!

Lady Culv. I really couldn't help it, RUPERT. ROHESIA insisted on my having him to meet her. She likes meeting clever and interesting people. And this Mr. BLAIR, it seems, has just written a volume of verses which are finer than anything that's been done since—well, for ages!

Sir Rup. What sort of verses?

Lady Culv. Well, they're charmingly bound. I've got the book in the house, somewhere. ROHESIA told me to send for it; but I haven't had time to read it yet.

Sir Rup. Shouldn't be surprised if ROHESIA hadn't, either.

Lady Culv. At all events, she's heard it talked about. The young man's verses have made quite a sensation; they're so dreadfully clever, and revolutionary, and morbid and pessimistic, and all that, so she made me promise to ask him down here to meet her!

Sir Rup. Devilish thoughtful of her.

Lady Culv. Wasn't it? She thought it might be a valuable experience for him; he's sprung, I believe, from quite the middle class.

Sir Rup. Don't see myself why should he be sprung on us. Why can't ROHESIA ask him to her own place?

Lady Culv. I daresay she will, if he turns out to be quite presentable. And, of course, he may, RUPERT, for anything we can tell.

Sir Rup. Then you've never seen him yourself! How did you manage to ask him here, then?

Lady Culv. Oh, I wrote to him through his publishers. ROHESIA says that's the usual way with literary persons one doesn't happen to have met. And he wrote to say he would come.

Sir Rup. So we're to have a morbid revolutionary poet staying in the house, are we? He'll come down to dinner in a flannel shirt and no tie—or else a red one—if he don't bring down a beastly bomb and try to blow us all up! You'll find you've made a mistake, ALBINIA, depend upon it.

Lady Culv. Dear RUPERT, aren't you just a little bit narrow? You forget that nowadays the very best houses are proud to entertain Genius—no matter what their opinions and appearance may be. And besides, we don't know what changes may be coming. Surely it is wise and prudent to conciliate the clever young men who might inflame the masses against us. ROHESIA thinks so; she says it may be our only chance of stemming the rising tide of Revolution, RUPERT!

Sir Rup. Oh, if ROHESIA thinks a revolution can be stemmed by asking a few poets down from Saturday to Monday, she might do her share of the stemming at all events.

Lady Culv. But you will be nice to him, RUPERT, won't you?

Sir Rup. I don't know that I'm in the habit of being uncivil to any guest of yours in this house, my dear, but I'll be hanged if I grovel to him, you know; the tide ain't as high as all that. But it's an infernal nuisance, 'pon my word it is; you must look after him yourself, I can't. I don't know what to talk to geniuses about; I've forgotten all the poetry I ever learnt. And if he comes out with any of his Red Republican theories in my hearing, why—

Lady Culv. Oh, but he won't, dear. I'm certain he'll be quite mild and inoffensive. Look at SHAKESPEARE—the bust, I mean—and he began as a poacher!

Sir Rup. Ah, and this chap would put down the Game Laws if he could, I daresay; do away with everything that makes the country



"What on earth possessed you to ask a literary fellow down here?"

worth living in. Why, if he had his way, ALBINIA, there wouldn't be—

Lady Culc. I know, dear, I know. And you must make him see all that from *your* point. Look, the weather really seems to be clearing a little. We might all of us get out for a drive or something after lunch. I would ride, if *Deerfoot's* all right again; he's the only horse I ever feel *really* safe upon, now.

Sir Rup. Sorry, my dear, but you'll have to drive then. *ADAMS* tells me the horse is as lame as ever this morning, and he don't know what to make of it. He suggested having *HORSFALL* over, but I've no faith in the local vets myself, so I wired to town for old *SPAVIN*. He's seen *Deerfoot* before, and we could put him up for a night or two. (*To TREDWELL, the butler, who enters with a telegram.*) Eh, for me? just wait, will you, in case there's an answer. (*As he opens it.*) Ah, this is from *SPAVIN*—h'm, nuisance! "Regret unable to leave at present, bronchitis, junior partner could attend immediately if required.—*SPAVIN*." Never knew he had a partner.

Tredic. I did hear, *Sir RUPERT*, as *Mr. SPAVIN* was looking out for one quite recent, being hasthematical, m'lady, and so I suppose this is him as the telegram alludes to.

Sir Rup. Very likely. Well, he's sure to be a competent man. We'd better have him, eh, *ALBINIA*?

Lady Culc. Oh, yes, and he must stay till *Deerfoot's* better. I'll speak to *POMFRET* about having a room ready in the East Wing for him. Tell him to come by the 4.45, *RUPERT*. We shall be sending the omnibus in to meet that.

Sir Rup. All right, I've told him. (*Giving the form to TREDWELL.*) See that that's sent off at once, please. (*After TREDWELL has left.*) By the way, *ALBINIA, ROHESIA* may kick up a row if she has to come up in the omnibus with a vet, eh?

Lady Culc. Goodness, so she might! but he needn't go inside. Still, if it goes on raining—I'll tell *THOMAS* to order a fly for him at the station, and then there can't be any bother about it.

SONGS OF THE STREETS.

No. I.—*BOUQUET DE BABYLON; OR, THE CITIZEN'S EVENING WALK.*

PHUGUE! Doctors may talk, but—I've been for a walk, which they swear will keep down adiposity, And preserve your liver from chill and shiver, or growing a shrivelled callosity. So I put on my hat—for I am getting fat!— and I've been for a walk—in the City. The result of that walk? Well my mouth is like chalk and my eyes feel all smarting and gritty; I've got a sore throat from the matter afloat in the air. It may sound like a fable, But I'm game for betting that London is getting one large and malodorously stable!!

Dear days of *MCADAM*! If only we had 'em, with all disadvantages, back again! Oh! to hear the rattle of well-shod cattle upon the old granite-laid track again. But this wooden pavement, 'en after laven-ment is simple enslavement to nastiness, For when it is dry 'tis foul dust in your eye, and when moist mere malodorous pasti-ness.

Oh, slip-sloppy Cabby, this *Bouquet de Babylon* sniffs of ammonia horridly, And stable-dust flying is terribly trying when *Phœbus* is pouring down torridly!

My palate quite hot is, my larynx and glottis feel like an Augean Sahara,



BLASE.

Kitty (reading a fairy tale). "ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A FROG—*Mabel (interrupting).* "I BET IT'S A PRINCESS! Go on!"

I'm frantic with drouth, and the taste in my mouth is a mixed Malebolge and Marah. The water-earns come; but they're only a hum, for the sun and the wind dry it up again, And then on manure in a powder impure the pedestrian's fated to sup again. It's worse than a circus. If men from the "Vorkus" were turned on to keep it well swept up, There might be improvement. But there's no such movement; the dire thorax-torture is kept up.

Manure-desiccation sets up irritation and then inflammation will follow, Your tonsils get red, you've a pain in your head, and you find it a labour to swallow. And as to your nose!—well, I do not suppose for that organ reformers feel pity, Or I really can't think every species of stink would find such ready home in the City. There's nothing more foul than your grim Asphalte-ghoul,—save that dread Tophet Valley of *BUNYAN'S*!— And then manhole whiffs! Or nose-torturing sniffs from the shops that sell "Sausage-and-onions"!!

What everyone knows is the human proboscis this *Bouquet de Babylon* bothers. Surely pavements of wood cannot be very good when they lead to such stenches and smothers. Ah, Sir, and dear Madam, I'm sure old *MCADAM*—though scientist prigs may prove sceptic— Would be welcomed back by the sore-throated pack. Mother Earth is the true Antiseptic!! And so ends my talk on a late evening walk, and the woes of this dashed wooden pavement,

Which worries my nose, sets my thorax in throes, my nostrils stuffs up, till I'm like a pug pup, all snorts, sniffs, and snuffles; my temper it ruffles; gives me a choked lung, and a coppery tongue, a stomach at war, and a nasal catarrh; a cough and a sneeze, and a gurgle and wheeze; a thirst quite immense, and a general sense that the bore is intense; and a perfect conviction, beyond contradiction, that till the new brood paved our city with wood, and its air made impure with dust-powdered manure, I never was sure that at last I had hit on one poor true-born Briton who was for a sore-throated slave meant!

CABBY'S ANSWERS.

(*To Mr. James Payn's Conundrum.*) ["Why does a cabman always indignantly refuse his proper fare?"—*JAMES PAYN.*] Oh well, becos fare is not fair! Becos sech lots o' fares is shabby! Becos yer Briton is a bear, Or else a blessed ignerent babby! Becos bare fare comes bloomin' 'ard, And wot is 'ard cannot be "proper"! Becos we're worried by the "Yard," The British Female and the "Copper"! Becos if yer takes wot is guy, Yer fare thinks 'e's too freely "parted"! The more you shows yer "brotherly love" The more the fare gets 'arder 'arterd. Becos if one bob for two mile You takes, wivout a botheration, Fare sniffs a diddle in yer smile; (That's wy we puts on hindigation!) Becos "strike-measure" do not pay, In sububs lone, with fare's wot's shabby. Becos—well fin'fly. I should say, Becos Fare's Fare, and Cabby's Cabby!



OUR DECADENTS.

Flipbutt (the famous young Art-Critic). "ULLO! WHAT'S THIS PENCIL SKETCH I'VE JUST FOUND ON THIS EASEL?"
 Our Artist. "OH, IT'S BY FLUMPKIN—THE IMPRESSIONIST FELLOW ALL YOU YOUNG CHAPS ARE SO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT, YOU KNOW. CLEVER, AIN'T IT?"

Flipbutt. "CLEVER! WHY, IT'S DIVINE! SUCH FRESHNESS, SUCH NAÏVETÉ! SUCH A SPLENDID SCORN OF MERE CONVENTIONAL TECHNIQUE! SUCH A—"

Our Artist. "ULLO, OLD MAN! A THOUSAND PARDONS! THAT'S THE WRONG THING YOU'VE GOT HOLD OF! THAT'S JUST A SCRIBBLE BY THIS LITTLE SCAMP OF A GRANDSON OF MINE. HIS FIRST ATTEMPT! NOT VERY PROMISING, I FEAR; BUT HE'S ONLY FOUR!"

"VIVE LA RÉPUBLIQUE!"

ENGLAND TO FRANCE.—JUNE, 1894.

AYE! Long live the Republic! 'Tis the cry
 Wrung from us even while the shadow of death
 Sudden projected, makes us catch our breath
 In a sharp agony of sympathy.
 Her servants fall, but she—she doth not die;
 She strideth forward, firm of foot as Fate,
 In calm invincibility elate;
 The tear that brimmeth, blindest not her eye,
 So fixed aloft it lowereth not to greet
 The writhing reptile bruised by her unfaltering feet!

Vive la République! How can we who love
 Fair France's charm, and sorrow at her sorrow,
 Better bear witness, on the bitter morrow
 Of her black grief, than lifting high above
 Even the mourning that all hearts must move,
 That cry, blent of goodwill and gratulation?
Vive la République! In the whole stricken nation
 Doth not the dumbness of Pretenders prove
 The land's possession by that cleansing fire,
 Which purges patriot love from every low desire?

Sister in sorrow now, as once in arms,
 Of old "fair enemy" on many a field,
 In valiant days but blind, we will not yield
 To any in that sympathy which warms
 All generous hearts, or love of those gay charms
 Nature and Genius gave you as your own
 To wear, inimitable and alone;
 And now the asp-hearted Anarch's mad alarms
 Make monstrous tumult in the midst of peace
 We cry "let brothers band till Cain-like slayers cease!"

The slaughtered son you bear from forth the fray,—
 Like some winged Victory, or a Goddess high,
 With steps unshaken, glance that seeks the sky,
 Such as your glorious sculptors shape from clay,—
 Was noble, brave, and blameless; him to slay
 Was the blood-blinded phrenzy of black hate.
 Through him the Anarch struck at your high state,
 Fair choice of France, but baffled crawls away.
 Prone at your feet your faithful servant fell,
 But you stride calmly on, unscathed, invulnerable.

So may it be till Anarchy's stealthy blade
 Falls pointless, shattered, from its palis'd grasp,
 And helpless, harmless as a fangless asp
 It sinks from freedom's pathway, foiled, afraid,
 Whilst the Republic, strong and undismayed,
 With robe unsmeared, its hem no longer gory,
 Strides proudly on the true high path of glory.
 Take, France, a sister's wreath, before you laid,
 In honour of you, and of your hero brave.
 Love's garland shall not fade on gallant CARNOT's grave!

A PUZZLER.

SIR.—I enclose a cutting from the *Manchester Guardian*, June 25.
 "Yesterday the Darwen police arrested THOMAS BECKETT, a weaver. During a disturbance in a local public-house on Saturday night BECKETT was kicked under the chin, and died immediately."

Query when was THOMAS BECKETT arrested? What became of the man who, in the "disturbance," kicked BECKETT under the chin?
 Yours, SNIPPER.

"THE NEW BOY."—Doing wonderfully well. "Going strong."—
 White Lodge, Richmond.



“VIVE LA RÉPUBLIQUE!”

“THE TEAR THAT BRIMMETH, BLINDETH NOT HER EYE,
SO FIXED ALOFT IT LOWERETH NOT TO GREET
THE WRITHING REPTILE BRUISED BY HER UNFALTERING FEET!”

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GAIETY "SANS-GÈNE."

Madame Sans-Gêne, represented by Madame RÉJANE, at the Gaiety Theatre, has made a decided hit. The plot of the piece by Messieurs SARDOU and MOREAU is poor, but it shows what an experienced dramatist can do with meagre materials and one strikingly good notion. It seems as if the plan of the play was started from the idea of an interview between the great NAPOLEON, when Emperor, with a washerwoman whose bill for washing and mending he, when only a poor lieutenant, had been unable to discharge. This scene is the scene *par excellence* of the piece. It is here that both Madame RÉJANE and M. DUQUESNE are at their very best. Besides this, and the scene between Napoléon, *La Reine Caroline*, and *Madame de Bulow*, when there is a regular family row admirably acted by M. DUQUESNE, with the tongs, and Mlle. VERNEUIL and SUGER with their glib tongues, there is very little in the piece.

M. CANDÉ, as the sergeant who rises to *Marechal*, is very good, as is also M. LERAND, as *Fouché*. Madame RÉJANE is a thorough *comédienne*, but it is most unlikely (good as are historically the stories told about this same washerwoman elevated to the rank of Duchess) that she, in an interval of nineteen years—i.e., between 1792 and 1811—should not have been able to wear her costume with, at all events, some grace and dignity, and it is most improbable that the clever *blanchisseuse* of 1792 should, in 1811, have found any difficulty in managing her Court costume without rendering herself outrageously ridiculous. All this hitching up of the dress and kicking out of the leg "goes" immensely with the audience; and this must be the *comédienne's* excuse for overdoing the farcical business of her chief scenes, save the best of all, which, as I have already surmised, was the motive of the piece, namely, the scene with the Emperor in the Third Act. Here she is perfect, only just assuming so much of her old manner as would



Madame Sans-Gêne "going Nap."

naturally come to her when chatting with "the little Corporal" over old times.

As to M. DUQUESNE as *Napoléon premier*,—well, middle-aged playgoers will call to mind Mr. BENJAMIN WEBSTER as a far more perfect portrait of the great Emperor than is M. DUQUESNE, but the latter has the advantage in manner, and realises the Emperor's traditional eccentric habits in a way which at once appeals to all conversant with the story of the eccentricities of the Great Emperor when he chanced to be in a very good humour. Perhaps nowadays there are very few who read LEVER's works, but a dip into *Charles O'Malley*, with PRIZZ's spirited illustrations, will give exactly the phase of NAPOLEON's character that Messrs. SARDOU and MOREAU have depicted in this piece.

The play is well mounted, and the acting of all, from the leading parts to the very least, is about as good as it can be. The incidents of the drama are not particularly novel, but they are safe, and to every Act there is a good dramatic finish. Madame RÉJANE may congratulate herself and "Co." on a decided success in London.

Mrs. R. was driving lately in a friend's barouche, which seemed to swing about a great deal, and made her feel rather uncomfortable. She was not surprised at this, however, when she heard the carriage was on "Sea" springs!

ROBERT ON THE WONDERFUL BRIDGE AGAIN.

I REELY begins for to think as how as a truly onest Waiter, as know his place, and his warious dooties, and is allers civil and hobligin, gets more respected and more thort on the holder he gros. Here have I bin atending at the werry best houses both at the West Hend, and also at the pride of all Hed Waiters, the onered Manshun Ouse, for nearly twenty long ears, and I can trewly say as I allers gets a civil word from everybody. And when sumbody was speashly wanted the other day to sho that most importent Body, the London Press, all over the Wunderfool Tower Bridge, so that they coud give a trew and correct account of all its wunders for the newspaper people to read and wunder at, who did the clever Chairman select to help in that most importent hoffice but me, tho I am only ROBERT the Citty Waiter! And when the thowseands and tens of thowseands of people red the gloing accouts as filled the Press a day or too afterwards, they little thort perhaps of the many risks as the pore Waiter ran to save hisself and the reporters from the fallin Grannit, and the blocks of mettel, as every now and then fell about us!

One of the werry biggest and blackest of the hole lot fell within about six foot of where I stood, so jest another six foot mite have put a head to a Waiter who, I fondly hopes, has done his duty like a man and a Brother, the many people did sumtimes larf at him.

Strange to say, only jest 2 days before my honered visit to the wunderfool Bridge, I was arsked to take a journey to Boolong, which I bleevess is in France, and back again in the same day! but I aint a werry good Sailer so I thort I had better decline it. So Brown went in my place, and werry much he says he injoyed it, tho he didn't git home till eleven o'Clock at night!

I don't think as he's a werry good sailer, so, if he did enjoy it, the sea must have bin werry uncommon smooth, and both ways, too! He says it ways a butiful new wessell, and called the *Marger-reef*, which, strange to say, was his Grandmother's name, which may account for its treatting him so smoothly.

Most of the Gents of the London Press on their visit to the Big Bridge seemed to think most of the opening and shuttin of the enormers shutters as they opened and shut all of their own accord to let the big ships go thro, and werry wunderfool they suddenly was, but to my poor mind, every body as really wants to see the most butiful part of the hole show shoud have hisself took up in the lift to the walk along the top, which is only about 240 feet high, and then he can have such a grand view of our butiful river Tems as werry few has ever had since it was fust made. One of the Press Gents, seeing me staring at it with wunder and admiration, came up to me and sed, "Why, Mr. ROBERT, you've most suddenly picked out the most lovely view of the lot. I don't know what enormous distance we can see, but if you looks just where I'm a pinting you will see the Kristel Pallis, and it don't look more than a mile or two away!" No more it did! And as for the crowds of ships as we coud see with our naked eyes, I schod have thort they was more than ewer entered the River in a month or two, and all round was the butiful hills and grand houses, and everythink looking chock full of bussel and prosperity, and all quite ready to make use of the butiful Bridge as soon as ever it was opened! as it was by the nobel Prince of WALES on the following Satterday.

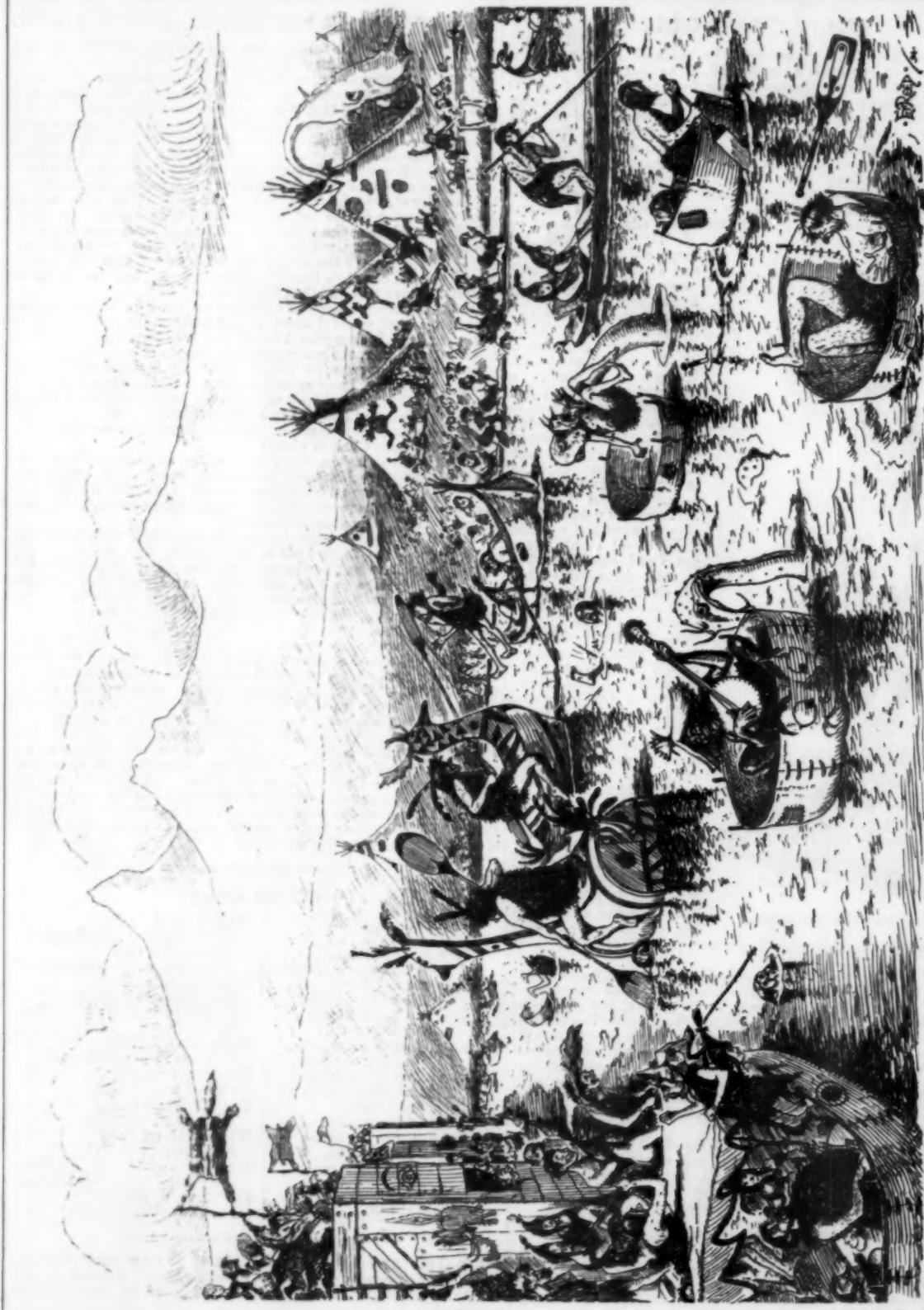
ROBERT.

WHITHER AWAY?

Must it be Margate?
Shall it be Dover?
Hit the target,
Spend summer in clover?
Why not to Filey
Flit, or to Yarmouth?
Will the Welsh rule me
If I try Barmouth?
South Coast's entracning,
East builds and braces;
Blue waves are dancing
At hundreds of places!
Soon must I settle,
Unless I'm a craven,
And grasping the nettle
Decide on a haven.
Fine hills at Malvern;
Harrogate haunts me;
Lymouth is all fern;
What is it daunts me?

Well, to speak truly,
There's no place like London,
In March or in July,
When well, or when run down!
Train in a twinkling
Brightonward bears me;
If I want sprinkling [me.
In the face a "chute" stares
Summer's delightful
In Town—nerves feel regal;
Cabbies not spiteful
Offered what's legal!
Yes, I'll take holiday
When it grows chilly;
Why at this jolly day
Flee Piccadilly?
Is the end vapid? [time
Can't help it!—Next snow-
By "P. L. M. Rapide"
I reach Nice in no time!

BEWARE!—As wood pavement is said to be injurious to throats, specially in summer time, it would be advisable not to reside in the Northern district, as the roads there must be all St. John's Wood pavement.



PREHISTORIC PEEPS.

If it is quite a mistake to suppose that Henley Regatta was not anticipated in Earliest Times.

THE LOWER EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

1. What are the duties of a cook? Do these duties differ from those of (a) a housemaid, (b) a parlour-maid, and (c) a general servant?

2. Can money be saved by a deposit account at the stores? If so, compare the store prices with the charges made at a West End shop for beef, mutton, potatoes, muslin, and mixed biscuits?

3. If a dinner (with wine) for four costs £6 10s. at a club, how much should a dinner for eight (four males and four females) cost at home?

4. What do you know of the School for Cookery?

5. Give briefly the best way of living on £500 a year on the basis that your husband is a clerk in a Government office, and your family consists of a daughter, aged fourteen, and a son rising seven.

HISTORY.

1. Give a short account of the life of any one of the following eminent wives who were a comfort to their husbands—CATHERINE PARK, Queen MARY, and HENRIETTA MARIA, Consort of CHARLES THE FIRST.

2. Point out the mistakes of MARIE ANTOINETTE in special regard to the career of LOUIS THE SIXTEENTH.

3. Give some of the reasons why Queen ELIZABETH preferred celibacy to marriage, and prove that those reasons were fallacies.



POOR VENUS OF MILO!

"WHAT! YOU DID THIS, AND YOU NEVER TOLD ME BEFORE! HOW CARELESS OF YOU, MARY!"

"WELL, MA'AM, I THOUGHT IT DIDN'T MUCH MATTER, AS THE ARMS WERE BROKEN OFF ALREADY!"

BALLADE OF IMITATIONS.

(With Apologies to Miss Loftus for calling her "Cissie.")

The weary worldling of to-day

Uneasy wanders to and fro

To find in all things, grave or gay,

Just nothing that is "worth a blow,"

(Forgive the curious phrase,) although

It's absolutely certain, this—he

Will praise in phrases all aglow

The imitative charms of CISSIE.

The orchestra begins to play,

The lights are high that once were low.

Then CISSIE comes without delay,

Her simple dress tied with a bow.

How kind of Fortune to bestow

On us this captivating Missie.

'Twere vain to try to overthrow

The imitative charms of CISSIE.

Miss FLORENCE ST. JOHN's artless way,

Miss YORKE in her ballad "Oh, Oh, Honey, Honey!" or JANE MAY

As Pierrette and Pierrot,

YVETTE GUILBERT's superb *argot*,

Miss LETTY LIND in "Kissie, Kissie,"

Are all invoked to help to show

The imitative charms of CISSIE.

L'Escoi.

Friend, if you chance to find it slow,

And seek a joyous form of dissipation, quickly get to know

The imitative charms of CISSIE.

PARTIALLY UNREPORTED DIALOGUE.

"A DEANE should be more reverend," said Mr. WILLIS, Q.C., in the BETTINI case.

"Where there's a *Will* is a way," reported Mr. DEANE, Q.C. "If you will be honest with me, I will be honest with you."

"The whole matter is very clear," interposed the learned Judge, severely. "Mr. BETTINI-WILLIS expects from the DEANE, chapter—

"And verse," interposed Mr. DEANE, Q.C., and straightway broke out melodiously with—

"Tis good to be merry and wise,
Tis good to be thorough and true,

If you will be honest with me,

My Q.C.,

Then I will be honest with you!"

Chorus of every-bdy. Harmonious proceedings, and Court adjourned.

ESSENCE OF PARLIAMENT.

EXTRACTED FROM THE DIARY OF TONY, M.P.

House of Commons, Monday, June 25.—

ASQUITH back on Treasury Bench quite a changed man. Anxious air that marked his appearance through last week disappeared. Painful to watch him as he then sat on Bench with one eye on the door. Started at rustle of paper of amendments. Half rose from his seat if a book fell.

"Yes TOBY," he said, when I congratulated him on the happy accomplishment of the event; "it's not the kind of thing I should like to go through every six months. Till he's tried it, no one knows what it is to have a steam engine stationed at his front door night and day with steam up ready to whisk him

off to White Lodge at a moment's notice." HOME SECRETARY managed to keep much cooler than the Mayor of RICHMOND. This morning the papers ablaze with telegrams from that functionary. SZLUMPER is his name. Surrey is his county. As soon as notification made of birth of prince, SZLUMPER took off his coat and set to work. First telegraphed to happy Duke and Duchess of YORK at White Lodge. Then bethought him of happier father; so Duke of YORK hears from SZLUMPER who "trusts Her Royal Highness and son are doing well." SZLUMPER's appetite growing with what it feeds upon, he next approaches HER MAJESTY with "loyal and sincere congratulations." Finally, the Prince and Princess of WALES at Marlborough House hear from him. SZLUMPER always signs his name *tout court*, like a peer of the realm.

"He's splendid this SZLUMPER," said the Member for SARK. "Reminds me of a story I heard in America about Judge HOAR. He had great dialetto to WENDELL PHILLIPS. When the great orator died they gave him a splendid funeral. A friend meeting the judge on morning of event said, 'Aren't you going to the funeral?' 'No,' said HOAR, 'but I approve it.'"

It wasn't SZLUMPER's accouchement. But he approves it.

Still on Budget; getting near end of first part, which deals with death duties. The Busy B.'s, seeing the close of opportunity at hand, dash about with redoubled vigour.

Oh! 'tis BARTLEY and BOWLES and BYRNE, And BYRNE and BARTLEY and BOWLES. Till the throbbing pulses burn, And BUTCHER piles on the coals.

4. Give a short account of the married life of DAVID COPPERFIELD, and criticise the *ménages* of his first and his second wife.

GENERAL.

1. What are the duties of a wife and a matron?

2. Supposing your husband to have come home weary from a hard day's work, should you read him your latest novel, or see that he gets his supper?

3. In your opinion which is of greater importance, your gown, or your knowledge of Greek?

4. Write an essay upon the respective merits of being known as the wife of your mate, or your poorer-half being called "Mrs. So-and-So's husband."

A SOFT ANSWER.

(An Unpublished Letter to a Whistirical Wesleyan, which shows the infinite possibilities of historic parallels.)

DEAR SIR.—I am much obliged to you for your letter, in which you call my attention to the widespread practice of whist-playing, and in particular to the deteriorating effect of threepenny points.

May I remind you of the fact, which I make no doubt you have temporarily overlooked, that JOHN WESLEY's favourite game was whist? Like JOHN WESLEY, I play whist, and I do not mind confessing that when I get a good hand I am none the worse pleased. Believe me, Yours faithfully, R-S-B-R-Y.



The Four Busy (Budget) B's.

Business done.—Clause XVIII. added to Budget Bill.

Wednesday.—GRANDOLPH sails to-day in the track of COLUMBUS, only going much farther. He will cross Continent and Pacific to pay a morning call on the MIKADO; afterwards to India and Burma.

“I want,” he says, with certain proud pathos, “to see the frontier I extended, and Burma which I annexed.”

You remember the old French song written about GRANDOLPH's great ancestor? It was sung as a lullaby to the little son of LOUIS THE SIXTEENTH, and NAPOLEON never mounted his horse for the fight without humming the air.—

MARLBROOK s'en va-t'en guerre—

Mironton, mironton, mirontaine!

MARLBROOK s'en va-t'en guerre...

Ne sais quand reviendra!

Ne sais quand reviendra!

Ne sais quand reviendra!

There is a sad last verse to the old ballad. But we all hope to see our GRANDOLPH back again, bringing his sheaves with him in the shape of renewed health and strength. *Business done.*—Budget.

Thursday.—DON'T KEIR HARDIE confided to House to-night the interesting fact that in particular he Don't Keir for the Royal Family, and is “indisposed to associate himself” with effort to do them special honour. Like old Eccles in *Caste*, he upbraids the baby in the cradle with being a young aristocrat. Yet there are limits even to his uncompromising Republicanism. The question before House is the presentation to HER MAJESTY of address of congratulation on birth of son of Duke and Duchess of YORK. “If I had the opportunity of meeting the parents,” says DON'T KEIR, “I should be pleased to join in the ordinary congratulations of the occasion.” He did not hesitate, standing in his place in Parliament as representative of the electors of 'Am, to add that he “had been delighted to learn that the child was a fairly healthy one.” Beyond that, stern principle would not permit him to pass.

Note that he felt constrained to modify even this approval of proceedings at White Lodge by introduction of the word “fairly.” ASQUITH, who knows all about it, seemed for moment inclined to resent this aspersion on the perfect soundness of the object of his recent attentions; on reflection he let it pass. SAUNDERSON, of whom House has seen lamentably little of late, was under less complete self-restraint. When DON'T KEIR turned his attention upon Prince of WALES, proposing to appraise his value to the nation, SAUNDERSON leaped to his feet, and moved that “the hon. Member be no longer heard.”

A difficult moment this. The Motion being made, the SPEAKER must put it from the Chair. Many Members, whilst justly angered with DON'T KEIR's grotesque performance, would have felt bound to resent what might be construed as attempt to throttle free speech. There would have been long and angry debate; a succession of scenes; and DON'T KEIR HARDIE would have been triumphantly advertised. Happily, though, strictly considered, irregularly, the SQUIRE OF MALWOOD interposed; expressed hope that Motion would

not be persevered in. SAUNDERSON perceiving his mistake acquiesced, and DON'T KEIR HARDIE went on to final ignominious collapse. When in crowded House question put that Address be presented, a solitary cry of “No” answered the loud shout “Aye.” House cleared for division; but when opportunity of taking final step presented itself, it turned out that HARDIE Didn't Keir to take it.

“Now if this were France in the days when the Empire was tottering to its fall,” said SARK, “I should suspect the secret police to have put up DON'T KEIR to play their game in stirring up embers of popularity of Imperial Family. In England to-day, of course, no necessity for such manoeuvre. But if by outside influence the popularity of the Prince of WALES has worked out for himself could be increased, DON'T KEIR HARDIE's the man to do it.”



Scene from “Caste,” adapted for representation in the House of Commons.

Eccles (played by Don't Keir H-rd-e) addresses the Royal Infant. “Everybody in the House is sacrificed for you! And to think that a Working Man, a Member of the House of Commons, and one of the Committee of the Banded Brothers for the Regeneration of Human Kind, by means of equal diffusion of intelligence and equal division of property, should want the price of half a pint, while you are lying in the lap of luxury!” &c., &c., &c.

Business done.—QUEEN congratulated on birth of latest great-grandson.

Friday.—Been much struck through week by appearance of stranger in Speaker's Gallery. Every night about quarter of an hour after questions over he has come in; gone out again a little after eight, about time SPEAKER, when in chair, leaves for his chop. Comes back punctually in half an hour; remains till fifteen or twenty minutes before progress is reported, and Chairman of Committees makes way for SPEAKER. Something about him familiar, though never before that I remember have I seen that stubby red beard, or those green, goggly spectacles. Quite fascinated me. To-night went up and sat in gallery behind him.

At ten minutes past eight, amendment before Committee disposed of, the stranger rose; heard him exclaim under his breath, “Order! Order!” saw him clutch at imaginary robe, and stride forth with stately tread. Truth burst upon me with a flash.

It was the SPEAKER!

“You're a dangerous person to have about the premises, TOBY,” he said as we made our way by circuitous route to Speaker's Court. “Every day for last fortnight I have written out myself an order for the Speaker's Gallery, have passed the doorkeepers unnoticed, and remained hour after hour unnoticed. Then your eagle eye falls upon me and all is lost. Pray don't let the secret go any further. Fact is, for weeks and weeks I've been shut out of my proper place by this Budget Bill. Questions last half an hour or an hour. Then House goes into Committee, and I'm shunted save for few moments after midnight, when I adjourn the House. Couldn't stand it any longer. Might as well be in Kamtchatka. So have had recourse to this innocent device, and have thoroughly enjoyed my evenings.”

Business done.—Once through Committee on Budget Bill. Pick up dropped threads next week.

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